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TAGS: EMIN EINV SL

SUBJECT: BETHLEHEM STEEL ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA LEONE

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1. WITH DELCO MINE AT MARAMPA NOW OFFICIALLY CLOSED DOWN, GOSL ANXIOUS ATTRACT FOREIGN INVESTMENT TO RESUME OPERATIONS THERE AND BEGIN OPERATIONS AT TONKOLILI. GOSL, WHILE STILL PUBLICLY MENTIONING BETHSTEEL INTERESTS, HAS BEGUN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN TO INDUCE INTERESTS FROM ELSEWHERE. SPECIFIC REQUESTS FROM HIGHEST LEVEL HAVE GONE TO NIPPON STEEL, OTHER US COMPANIES, AS WELL AS INTERESTED GROUPS IN GERMANY, ROMANIA, USSR, PERHAPS CHINA, AND UNKNOWN TARGETS. GOSL OBVIOUSLY AIMING A SHOT GUN IN THE HOPES THAT SOME PELLET WILL STRIKE HOME. MUCH OF GOSL ACTIVITY HAS RESULTED FROM STRONGLY NEGATIVE REACTION TO LATEST BETHSTEEL OFFER.

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2. IN SPITE OF FACT THAT BETHSTEEL OFFER HAS NOT

PRODUCED SPECIFIC RESPONSE, GOSL CLEARLY BELIEVE BALL IS NOT IN THEIR COURT BUT IN BETHSTEEL'S, SO THAT LATTER CAN PRODUCE BETTER OFFER.

3. IRON ORE SITUATION MAY BE HAVING SOME EFFECT ON RUTILE. LAST MONTH BETHSTEEL REQUESTED PERMISSION TO DELAY OFFICIAL PRODUCTION DATE FOR SIERRA RUTILE BY 13 MONTHS, AND EXPECTED EARLY POSITIVE GOSL RESPONSE. LOCAL INDICATIONS ARE THAT GOSL DOES NOT PLAN EARLY RESPONSE AND WILL KEEP BETHSTEEL HANGING FOR FORESEE-ABLE FUTURE.

4. AF/W MAY WISH TO PASS ABOVE TO BART GREEN.  
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